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SUBJECT: ZIMBABWE DEVELOPMENT FUND: APPROACH TO POTENTIAL DONORS

REF: A) STATE 206797, B) STATE 206698 C) STATE 206798

1. PURSUANT TO INSTRUCTIONS CONTAINED REFTTEL A, BRITISH
CHARGE AND I MADE A JOINT DEMARCHE TO GARDINI, DIRECTOR
GENERAL OF ITALIAN FOREIGN MINISTRY AUGUST 31.

(NEITHER FOREIGN MINISTER NOR UNDER SECRETARY WERE IN ROME AUGUST 31.) WITH MY BRITISH COUNTERPART TAKING THE LEAD, WE MADE THE POINTS CONTAINED REFTEL A, LEAVING AIDE MEMOIRE CONTAINING SPEAKING NOTES (PARA 10) AND COPIES OF THE TWO DOCUMENTS NOTED IN PARA 6. IN ADDITION, I DRAW ATTENTION TO PRESIDENT CARTER'S PERSONAL EFFORTS WITH PRESIDENT NYERERE (PARA 7).

2. GARDINI SEEMED FAMILIAR WITH RHODESIAN SETTLEMENT PROPOSALS, NOTING THE DIFFICULTIES AHEAD AND AGREEING WITH BRITISH CHARGE'S OBSERVATION THAT THE COMPOSITION OF THE FUTURE ZIMBABWE NATIONAL ARMY WOULD BE PARTICULARLY DIFFICULT TO DECIDE ON. WHILE ITALY HAS BACKED SETTLEMENT EFFORTS ALL ALONG, GARDINI SAID HE WOULD NOW SEND A CIRCULAR TO ITALIAN DIPLOMATIC MISSIONS ABROAD INSTRUCTING THEM TO MAKE KNOWN TO HOST GOVERNMENTS THE FULL SUPPORT OF THE ITALIAN GOVERNMENT FOR US/UK EFFORTS TO FIND A PEACEFUL SETTLEMENT IN RHODESIA.

3. WITH RESPECT TO THE QUESTION OF AN ITALIAN CONTRIBUTION TO THE ZIMBABWE DEVELOPMENT FUND (ZDF), GARDINI SAID THAT THE CROSLAND/KISSINGER LETTER OF LAST DECEMBER HAS BEEN CONSIDERED CAREFULLY BY THE ITALIAN GOVERNMENT. THEY HAD TAKEN INTO ACCOUNT THE FACT THAT THERE WERE SETTLERS OF ITALIAN ORIGIN IN RHODESIA AND THAT THE

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ITALIAN PARLIAMENT MIGHT THEREFORE BE PERSUADED THAT ITALIAN NATIONAL INTERESTS WERE INVOLVED. THE COUNCIL OF MINISTERS HAD DECIDED IT PREMATURE AT THAT TIME TO REACH ANY DECISION ABOUT AN ITALIAN CONTRIBUTION. GARDINI ADDED THAT HE DID NOT THINK THE TIME WAS YET RIPE FOR A DECISION. THE BRITISH CHARGE AND I MADE THE POINT THAT TOGETHER OUR TWO GOVERNMENTS HAD ALREADY PLEDGED TO CONTRIBUTE 55 PERCENT OF THE TOTAL RESOURCES OF THE FUND SUBJECT, OF COURSE, TO CONGRESSIONAL AND PARLIAMENTARY APPROVAL. GARDINI RESPONDED THAT THERE SEEMED TO BE A SUBSTANTIAL ECONOMIC INCENTIVE TO AGREE TO A SETTLEMENT. HE REFERRED TO ITALIAN DIFFICULTIES BUT, WITHOUT MAKING ANY COMMITMENT, IMPLIED THAT ITALY WOULD MAKE SOME CONTRIBUTION, EVEN IF NOT AS BIG AS THE THREE PERCENT WHICH, AS THE BRITISH CHARGE REMINDED HIM, THE CROSLAND/KISSINGER LETTER HAD SOUGHT.

4. GARDINI SAID HE WOULD BRING OUR DEMARCHE TO THE ATTENTION OF THE FOREIGN MINISTER AND THAT THE GOI WOULD FOLLOW DEVELOPMENT CLOSELY. HOLMES

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